AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 are amended herein, claims 9-30 are withdrawn. Claims 31-46 are new. A listing of all claims currently pending and amended herein is shown below. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter claims 1-8 as amended and new claims 31-46. The listing of claims below should replace all previously claim lists in this application. No new matter has been added.

Listing of claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

downloading a computer program from a server computer system to a client personal computer, the downloaded computer program comprising instructions for :

examining start criteria;

determining whether the start criteria have been met;

obtaining new email events from an email ~~database~~ datastore after the start criteria have been met;

forwarding information corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a ~~database~~ datastore associated with the server; and

forwarding the forwarded information to a remote device.

2.   (Currently Amended) A system ~~stored on a computer-readable medium~~, comprising:

means for downloading server software that downloads client software from a server to a client personal computer;

wherein the client software comprises:

a client configuration engine for determining whether start criteria have been met;

a retrieval engine, coupled to the client configuration engine, for retrieving new email events from an email ~~database~~ datastore;

a data transmitter, coupled to the retrieval engine, for forwarding information corresponding to the new email events via computer network to a ~~database~~] datastore associated with the server; and

a means for forwarding <u>server software that forwards the forwarded information to a remote device</u>.

3.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

establishing a communications channel <u>between a server and</u> a client <u>personal</u> computer system;

<u>downloading to the client computer system software that embodies a method comprising:</u>

obtaining new email events from an email ~~database~~ <u>datastore</u>;

receiving information corresponding to the new email events from the client computer system;

storing the information corresponding to the new email events in a ~~database~~ <u>datastore associated with the server; and</u>

<u>forwarding the forwarded information to a remote device</u>.

4.   (Currently Amended) A system ~~stored on a computer-readable medium,~~ comprising:

means for downloading <u>server software that downloads client software from a server to a client personal computer;</u>

<u>wherein the client software comprises</u>

a retrieval engine to retrieve new email events from an email [database] <u>datastore</u>; ~~and~~

a server database manager for establishing a communications channel with a client computer system, for receiving information corresponding to the new email events from the client computer system, and for storing the information corresponding to the new email events in a [database] <u>datastore; and</u>

<u>server software that conveys the information to a remote device</u>.

5.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

<u>downloading a computer program from a server computer system to a client personal computer, the downloaded computer program comprising instructions for:</u>

obtaining filter control data;

examining email data against the filter control data;

determining the email data that will be forwarded based on the examination;

selecting at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the examination; ~~and~~

forwarding the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a ~~database~~ datastore associated with the server; and

forwarding the forwarded email data to a remote device.

6.   (Currently Amended) A ~~client computer~~ system ~~stored on a computer-readable medium,~~ comprising:

means for downloading server software that downloads client software from a server to a client personal computer;

wherein the client software comprises:

a filter for examining email data against filter control data, for selecting email data based on the examination, and for determining at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the examination; and

a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, for forwarding the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a [database] datastore associated with the server; and server software that forwards the forwarded email data to a remote device.

7.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

downloading a computer program from a server computer system to a client personal computer, the downloaded computer program comprising instructions for:

obtaining filter control data;

examining email data against the filter control data;

determining based on the examination the email data that should not be forwarded;

generating receipt data identifying the email data that should not be forwarded; ~~and~~

forwarding the receipt data via a computer network to a [database] datastore associated with the server; and

forwarding the receipt data to a remote device.

8.   (Currently Amended) A system ~~stored on a computer-readable medium,~~ comprising:

means for downloading server software that downloads client software from a server to a client personal computer;

wherein the client software comprises:

a filter for examining email data against filter control data, and determining based on the examination the email data that should not be forwarded;

a receipt generator, coupled to the filter, for generating receipt data identifying the email data that should not be forwarded; ~~and~~

a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, for forwarding the receipt data via a computer network to a ~~database~~ datastore associated with the server; and

server software that forwards the forwarded email data to a remote device.

9-30 (Withdrawn)

31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.

32. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the downloaded software self-installs.

33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein an email event includes an email.

34. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.

35. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein the downloaded software self-installs.

36. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein an email event includes an email.

37. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.

38. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein an email event includes an email.

39. (New) The system of claim 4, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.

40. (New) The system of claim 4, wherein an email event includes an email.

41. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.

42. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the downloaded software self-installs.

43. (New) The system of claim 6, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.

44. (New) The system of claim 6, wherein the downloaded software self-installs.

45. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.

46. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein the client personal computer is behind a firewall.